

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please replace the previously pending claims with the following claim listing.

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A method comprising: administering an agent to a ~~lupus-affected or~~  
~~lupus-predisposed~~ mouse with lupus; and comparing expression of SFRP1 (SEQ ID NO:15)  
mRNA in kidney samples of the mouse before and after said administering to determine if said  
agent modulates expression of SFRP1 in the mouse.